



REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending, and all claims have been rejected on the grounds of obviousness type double patenting over US Patent 6,245,227 (the '227 patent), but for no other reason.

Enclosed herewith are terminal disclaimers from both joint owners of the '227 patent.

Applicants believe this application is now in condition for immediate allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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